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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

**BOARD OF REGISTRATION
IN EMBALMING AND FUNERAL
DIRECTING**

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30,

1937

DIVISION OF REGISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION



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BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN EMBALMING AND FUNERAL DIRECTING

To HONORABLE JAMES J. SUGHRUE, *Director of Registration*:

SIR: The Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing has the honor to submit to you its annual report for the year ending November 30, 1937.

On January 1, 1937, Chapter 407, Acts of 1936, became effective and the Board of Registration in Embalming is now to be known as the Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing.

Various new amendments to certain chapters in the General Laws became effective. One amendment required the Board to make certification to Local Boards of Health, of all Funeral Directors who come within the provisions of this Act before May 1, 1937.

At the regular meeting of the Board on Tuesday, January 5, 1937, it was found that there was no adequate appropriation for this new Board to carry out the provisions of Chapter 407. Consulting the Attorney General's office and the Commission on Administration and Finance, it was advised to request a transfer of funds from the Extraordinary Expense Account.

On January 15, 1937, the Board petitioned His Excellency Charles F. Hurley, Governor and the Honorable Executive Council, requesting a transfer of \$3,000 from this fund for the expenses of the Board, the same to be returned when the appropriation was made by the 1937 legislature. Through the cooperation of James J. Sughrue, Director of Registration, extra clerks and printing were provided. Applications were mailed to every known Funeral Director, the same returned to the Board with the necessary data and fee required by the Act, before March 1, 1937.

On March 31, 1937, the sum of \$1500 was transferred to the Board from the Extraordinary Expense Account. On April 1, 1937, six temporary inspectors were engaged for a period of thirty days. The Commonwealth was divided into six districts. The inspectors visited every establishment from which an application had been received and made a report on each establishment to the Board. During the month of April some member of the Board was present in the office each day to hear any complaints.

This work was completed on April 30, 1937, the Boards of Health having received their certifications and the Funeral Directors registered in accordance with Chapter 407.

At the regular meeting of the Board on May 4, 1937, it was found that the Board needed the services of an Inspector to investigate complaints and inspect new establishments. On June 1, 1937, John J. Falvey of Holyoke was appointed Inspector for the Board.

There were two examinations held during the year for the registration of embalmers. On March 1, 1937, there were 49 candidates examined. Of this number 23 candidates were successful. On October 6, 1937, 57 candidates were examined. Of this number 25 candidates were successful.

There were two examinations conducted during the year for the registration of Funeral Directors. On April 30, 1937, there were 31 candidates

examined. Of this number 22 candidates were successful. August 6, 1937, there were 15 candidates examined. Of this number 15 were successful.

On August 25, 1937, Dissemination of Knowledge meeting held at Harvard Medical School for all registered embalmers.

On September 9, 1937, Dissemination of Knowledge meeting held in the Municipal Auditorium, Springfield, Mass., for all registered licensed Funeral Directors. Registered embalmers were invited to attend the evening session. Tentative rules and regulations governing Embalming and Funeral Directing were mimeographed, copies of which were given to each person present. Assistant Attorney General Maurice M. Goldman was present at this meeting at which time he explained the new rules.

At the annual meeting of the Board on October 5, 1937, Mr. William J. Jacobs was elected chairman and Daniel F. O'Brien, secretary for the ensuing year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the year ending November 30, 1937

Fees received from various sources for year ending Nov. 30, 1937 \$17,320.00

Expenditures

Members' Services	\$1,399.98
Travel	1,818.52
Dissemination of Knowledge	477.15
Office Expenses	872.80

Financial Statement Verified.

Approved: GEO. E. MURPHY, *Comptroller*.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. JACOBS, *Chairman*
DANIEL F. O'BRIEN, *Secretary*
VINCENT DEP. READE, *Member*

